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## Via ECF

Lyle W. Cayce, Clerk United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit 600 S. Maestri Place New Orleans, LA 70130-3408

Re: Voices for Int'l Bus. and Ed., Inc. v. NLRB, Fifth Circuit No. 17-60364

Date of Oral Argument: April 5, 2018

Dear Mr. Cayce:

We write under Rule 28(j) to inform the Court of new authority directly pertinent to the arguments made on pages 11-14 of Petitioner's opening brief, regarding the power of Louisiana public officials to remove the board and staff of charter schools for malfeasance.

On June 27, 2018, the Ethics Adjudicatory Board of the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law entered a Decision and Order removing the principal of a charter school. *See In re Doris Hicks et al.*, 2014-11977-Ethics-B (Ethics Adjudicatory Bd. June 27, 2018), at 1, 19 (attached as Exhibit A). She was removed for violating the Code of Governmental Ethics, La. R.S. § 42:1119 and § 42:1112(B)(1), which the Board ruled applies to both charter schools and the nonprofit corporations that operate them. *See id.* at 12; *see also* La. R.S. § 42:1153(B).

The Decision demonstrates that Louisiana public officials have and exercise the legal authority to remove charter-school administrators for violations of state ethics law.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Martin A. Stern

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